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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2001 in which Claims 37-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 102(a). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested in view of the remarks set forth below.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please replace Claim 42 with the following:

42. The method of Claim 38 wherein the antibody is a human antibody or fragment thereof.

Please add the following claims:

50. The method of Claim 37 wherein the antibody or fragment thereof binds to a membrane associated form of osteoprotegerin binding protein.

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